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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Justice Dept,

I think the government is wrong in settling with Microsoft. After all this is the justice department I am writing, so justice not expedience should be pursued.

At hand is not just Windows OS, but all the other products that Microsoft sells and utilized their advantage as the OS provider for Intel machines to defeat or bankrupt the competition in many 3rd party programs. To function in today's world and exchange files, one must have Microsoft Software no matter what platform - Wintel or Mac. That is a monopoly that hinders competition and better products. What about all the companies that went under and do not have the financial resources because they are bankrupt now due to anti-competitive practices of Microsoft? Where is there justice. They played fair, but they lost to an unfair player: Microsoft.

The first clue that the settlement is bad is does Microsoft like it. First of all they are declared a monopoly by the justice department. They should be reorganized and assessed punitive damages to the companies damaged by their illegal activities to ensure their arrival at the status of monopoly.

Judge Thomas Penfield was right - Microsoft needs to be broken up. Their OS, Internet Software, and their productivity programs must become independent and unrelated entities.

This is a U.S. Company and needs to be brought to justice by the U.S. Their monopolistic practices are felt in all countries that have access to technology.

Justice should reconsider and give Microsoft a reason not to function the way they do. Moreover, they have never self-policed nor submitted to injunctions of any kind from the government.

There is more to add, but I will leave it at that.

Sincerely,
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